

Skip and his mother drove by the shopping mall. Skip saw some long trucks that seemed to be carrying strange machines. Skip couldn't tell what the machines were, but he could tell that they were big.

"Mom," said Skip, "what are the machines on the back of those trucks?" "Why, I don't know," said Skip's mother. "We will have to drive by tomorrow and find out."

The next day, Skip and his mother drove by mall again to see what the strange machines were. The machines were now set up on the ground, and Skip and his mother could see that they were carnival rides! Skip could see a ferris wheel, a rollercoaster, and all sorts of other rides that were part of the carnival.

"Now I see what these machines are," said Skip, "and they're all part of a carnival. Can I go, Mom?" asked Skip. "Well, I don't know," said Skip's mother. "We will have to ask your father."

That night when Skip's father got home, Skip told him all about the carnival. Dad was very excited and said that he would love to go to the carnival. Skip's mother said that she would rather not go and that she would stay home.

The next evening, Skip and his father left the house to go to the carnival. When they pulled into the parking lot, they could see the bright lights and hear the music of the carnival. Skip wanted to ride the Ferris wheel first, so up they went on the Ferris wheel. Skip felt sick and dizzy being up so high. He was glad when the Ferris wheel finally stopped. Dad wanted to go on the rollercoaster. Rolling up and down the hills made Skip feel sick, too. After they got off the rollercoaster, Skip decided that he would rather stay on the ground and not ride on any more rides.

Skip and his father played games and won a big stuffed bear. They ate cotton candy and drank lots of coke. As they left the carnival late that night, Skip said, "I didn't like the rides, but I sure did like going to the carnival."

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